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BK040236 Hong Kong AFP in English 0214 GMT 4 Jun 82

[Text] Islamabad, 4 Jun (AFP) -- The Kabul regime and Afghanistan's Moslem resistance both claim to be in control of the Panjsher Valley 90 kilometers (56 miles) north of the capital, an area that for two years has been a symbol of the fight against Soviet intervention forces.

Radio Kabul Wednesday night issued a bulletin reporting that the sixth Soviet offensive in the valley had been successful and that the "counter-revolutionaries" inhabiting the region had fled.

At Peshawar, Pakistan, on the other hand, the Jam'iat-e Eslami organization to which the Panjsher rebels belong claimed that Soviet-Afghan troops had withdrawn from the valley after suffering heavy losses. The bulletin said the offensive was the largest confrontation since the Soviet intervention in December 1979.

Journalists were unable to confirm the conflicting reports on the region, where Afghan resistance until now has been well-organized.

Western diplomats in Kabul said on Wednesday that the Soviet-backed Afghan troops had perhaps taken some "key positions" in the Panjsher Valley, and they reported that long vehicle convoys belonging to Soviet units involved in the offensive were making their way back to Kabul.

There were reports meanwhile that resistance in other areas of the country was increasing.

There were reports at the French Embassy in Kabul of Afghan Government rumors concerning the possible capture by Soviet-Afghan forces of four French doctors who had run the rebel hospital in the Panjsher Valley.

At Peshawar, sources close to the resistance said that the doctors had "disappeared" because the rebel commander, Masud Shah, had evacuated them toward another region when the offensive began.

The sources said that an American journalist, Edward Girardey of the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, and Peter Juvenal, a British free-lance photographer, probably had witnessed the offensive.

The diplomats said they had seen on Afghan television "spontaneous pro-governmental demonstrations" filmed in Panjsher Valley villages, but the news director of Afghan television, who fled the country one year ago, said that the demonstrators were mostly party members or military personnel dressed in traditional peasant clothing.

According to the diplomats, while the Panjsher Valley was attacked by converging forces of several thousand soldiers, the resistance destroyed approximately 12 airplanes at Baghram Air Base north of Kabul.

There were reports also of attacks within the capital.

The rebels are said to have reopened operations in Herat, the country's third-largest city, where last month mortar shells damaged the secret police headquarters, a sports stadium during a government rally and several other public buildings.

Official media reported that the explosions were due to an "artillery salvo" that was part of an official ceremony, but the shells left many victims, and Soviet helicopters carried out reprisals against surrounding villages.

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AFP: FOUR FRENCH DOCTORS REPORTEDLY CAPTURED

BK050905 Hong Kong AFP in English 0844 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Text] Islamabad, 4 Jun (AFP) -- Four French doctors who disappeared from the Afghan rebel hospital in the Panjsher Valley were captured by Soviet-Afghan forces, informed sources confirmed here today.

The sources said an "unofficial Afghan figure" told the French Embassy in Kabul that the four doctors, of the humanitarian association International Medical Assistance (AMI), were being held.

The captured team included Doctor Laurence Lemonier who was in Afghanistan on his fourth secret humanitarian mission. The names of the other captured doctors were not given.

AMI officials contacted the International Red Cross which has recently been allowed to continue visiting Afghan prisons. The French Foreign Ministry is expected to call on the Red Cross for assistance in an inquiry into the doctor's disappearance.

The Soviet Embassy here had frequently expressed irritation concerning the role of doctors operating clandestinely in Afghanistan. Soviet officials said the doctors boosted Afghan rebel morale, and were an important source of information on the situation inside Afghanistan.

It is the first time doctors have been held, but observers recalled that two French journalists and a French tourist were earlier taken captive and released several months later after "confessing" on Kabul television.

AFGHAN MUJAHIDIN BLOW UP SOVIET PIPELINE

GF041141 Karachi DAWN in English 1 Jun 82 p 1

[Mujahidin Blow Up Oil Pipeline"]

[Text] Peshawar, 31 May (PPI) -- The Afghan mujahidin in an attack carried out with the help of rocket launchers have blown up the main gas pipeline, supplying gas directly from the reservoirs of Mazar-e Sharif to Russia.

The offensive was carried out last week at Jerkdak, the Afghan area bordering Russia and from where the pipeline passes.

A spokesman of the Islamic Unity of Afghanistan mujahidin told PPI that the gas pipeline passes through Kalfar dry port area and across the Afghan border from western areas of the country.

The Russian forces suffered heavy material and manpower loss recently when their strong offensive against Afghan mujahidin in Marji area of Helmand Province was repulsed by the freedom-fighters.

According to a spokesman of the Islamic Unity of Afghanistan, the big joint offensive of the Russian and Karmal troops was bravely repulsed by mujahidin after a several days unabated fighting.

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AFP REPORTS SOVIET TROOPS MASSING IN KABUL

BK050908 Hong Kong AFP in English 0828 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Text] Islamabad, 4 Jun (AFP) -- Soviet troops were massing in Kabul while army patrols searched vehicles and forcibly dragged Afghan youths into military trucks, travellers from the Pakistani border town of Peshawar reported.

Quoting reports from Kabul, the travellers said there had been "heavy concentrations" of Soviet troops during the past few days.

Meanwhile, shops and bazaars remained largely closed in Jalalabad today as the Afghan Army patrolled the garrison town, proceeding with arrests.

The sources said that an unidentified senior government official in Jalalabad was gunned down yesterday near the Hindu temple.

Young Afghans have virtually disappeared from the streets, they said, adding that there have been new reports of conscription drives by the Afghan authorities. Shops which opened today, estimated at less than half of those in the city, were manned by old people.

Other reports said that Moslem guerrillas in Kabul killed a senior executive of the state-run Kabul radio last Wednesday.

The official, who was not identified, died when guerrillas hurled a grenade at his car in Chara Sia sector of Kabul. Sources said the official might be Abdul Mannan Malgrami, the only senior radio official in the area.

AFP DETAILS OPERATION AGAINST REBELS IN PANJSHER

BK081646 Hong Kong AFP in English 1610 GMT 8 Jun 82

[Text] New Delhi, 8 Jun (AFP) -- Soviet and Afghan forces appear to have succeeded in clearing the Panjsher Valley, northeast of Kabul, of rebel resistance following a massive offensive, according to Western diplomatic sources here today.

At least three Afghan and one Soviet divisions, involving a total of about 20,000 men, considering the depleted strength of the Afghan division, were believed to have been used in the operation, which began in mid-May, the sources said, quoting reports reaching diplomats in Kabul.

There was no detailed information in the extent of casualties on both sides in the fighting, although it was believed to be heavy.

Soviet special airborne troops with armour and light artillery were flown by helicopters to the northern end of the valley to seal off all passes, the sources indicated.

Advancing from the southern end, the bulk of the Soviet and Afghan forces penetrated as far as 50 km (30 miles) into the valley in a well-planned trapping operation, the sources added.

The sources, however, considered less certain the Afghan Government claims to wiping out Moslem insurgents in the Panjsher Valley area.

The mujahidin resistants never confronted the Soviet forces directly when they were outnumbered and outgunned, and retreated to mountain hideouts to carry on the fight as guerrillas, they pointed out.

They also noted that the Soviets and the Afghan Government would have to deploy sizeable forces permanently in the valley to maintain control and keep the area free of insurgency.

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PANJSHER HEALTH CLINIC BACK IN OPERATION

LD092144 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1730 GMT 9 Jun 82

[Text] The health clinic in Panjsher District, which was destroyed by traitors to the homeland, to the people and to the revolution, has been reactivated and put into service.

A spokesman for the Panjsher District said: With the reactivation of the Panjsher District health clinic the health problems of the people of the Onab and (Zaman Koh) villages can be attended to. The spokesman added: The noble and toiling people of these villages expressed gratitude for the good deeds of the party and government, and once again declared their complete solidarity with their revolutionary party and government which are the guarantors of the prosperity and well-being of the people.

REBEL GROUPS 'CRUSHED' IN HERAT PROVINCE

LD051720 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 5 Jun 82

[Text] A group of 175 counterrevolutionaries -- these enemies of the homeland, people and revolution -- who for some time now have been annoying and harassing the noble people of Golran District, Herat Province, have recently been crushed together with their ringleaders, Khoda-Dad and Mohammad Ayub, by the security forces and revolution defense groups with the cooperation of the working people of this district.

A security source in Herat Province said that an assortment of weapons, including a large-caliber machinegun, a large quantity of bullets and antitank mines, were seized by the security forces from these enemies of the homeland and revolution [words indistinct].

According to another report, a separate group of these sold-out bands in the region of (Faja-Qala and Besabat), Herat Province, were crushed by party activists. A number of weapons and documents which prove their links with groups (?abroad) were seized by the security forces.

KABUL: PASHTUN LEADERS SPEAK ON RIGHTS

GF091834 Kabul International Service in Arabic 1700 GMT 9 Jun 82

[Text] According to a report by the Rawalpindi-based JANG newspaper, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, outstanding and foremost leader of the Pashtuns, has called on the Pashtuns to unite and struggle to attain their rights. A few days ago Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan delivered a speech at a dinner held in his honor in his village near Peshawar, in which he urged the Pashtuns to work to successfully overcome their present critical situation.

The Pakistani newspaper adds that Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan's son delivered a speech at the same party, in which he said that the Pashtuns today are deprived of the rights which they enjoyed during the odious British colonialism. This means that the Pakistani people at present do not have the right to live and are deprived of their human rights.

Khan Abdul Wali Khan accused Gen Ziaul Haq of using Islam for his personal interest and called on the army generals to throw away the medals granted to them by British colonialism before they speak in the name of Islam. He also accused Pakistan's military rulers of trying to hatch intrigues among the Muslim Pashtun.

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AFP: REBELS SUFFER 'SEVERE' DEFEATS IN NORTH

BK151656 Hong Kong AFP in English 1626 GMT 15 Jun 82

[Text] Islamabad, 15 Jun (AFP) -- The Afghan Moslem resistance recently suffered a number of severe defeats in the northern part of Afghanistan, Western diplomatic sources said here today.

According to information garnered in Kabul by diplomats, it is now established that Soviet/Afghan forces have succeeded in implanting themselves in the Panjsher Valley, previously totally controlled by the resistance.

The sources said that the success of the government offensive could have repercussions on the morale of the resistance and the civilian population and had already seriously hindered resistance movements in the region.

At the same time, it has eased transport problems for the government. Convoys carrying 500 containers of Western merchandise that had transited the Soviet Union arrived in Kabul during the week, diplomats say.

In the Panjsher, 100 km (about 62 miles) north of Kabul, the government has succeeded in implanting a militia made up of young men and women from Kabul, according to the same sources.

In Kabul, a number of prominent figures sympathising with the Panjsher resistance are said to have been arrested.

In northern Afghanistan, Soviet aircraft carried out a heavy airraid against the city of Tasuqorghan, killing part of the civilian population and routing the occupying mujahidin, according to the diplomats.

A similar operation is said to have inflicted a setback on the resistance movement in neighbouring Samangan Province.

In the Shamali, north of Kabul, a regional official of the Hezb-e Eslami Party is reported to have been killed earlier this month in a fight near the city of Kariz-e Mir.

However, according to information received in Kabul, Soviet/Afghan troops suffered worse losses than the resistance on that particular occasion.

There were a number of clashes in Kabul's outskirts during the week, but the guerrillas do not seem to have obtained any notable success, and the second congress of the "Fatherland National Front," the official mass organisation, was held without incident last Saturday.

On Sunday, a demonstration protesting the Israeli invasion in Lebanon brought 10,000 high school and university students together outside the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, according to the sources.

It is also reported that four Afghan Army officers and 12 militia were killed in fighting among themselves in a village near the Soviet Baghram Airbase after the militia tried to turn the local people against the officers by accusing them of being traitors.

AFGHAN TROOPS, PARTY WORKERS RETURN TO PANJSHER

LD142030 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 14 Jun 82

[Excerpts] Thousand-man groups of revolution guards, including heroic PDPA members and the militant and courageous members of the DYOA, left this morning for Panjsher District to explain and propagate the objectives of the April Revolution and to help the toiling people.

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BK161616 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 1500 GMT 16 Jun 82

[Text] The indirect talks on the Afghanistan issue under UN auspices began in Geneva today. These talks are aimed at assisting in resolving the Afghanistan dispute. The talks began with a meeting between the UN secretary general's personal representative, Diego Cordovez, and Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. Later Cordovez held talks with the foreign minister of the Karmal administration of Afghanistan, Shan Mohammad Dost.

The UN officials have said that the closed-door talks may last for 10 days.

Among the four important topics included on the agenda are: The withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan; return of approximately 3 million Afghan refugees, the majority of whom are in Pakistan, to their homes; the end of foreign intervention; and the issues on providing international guarantees in this regard.

Karachi on Talks

BK170342 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 17 Jun 82

[Text] The UN secretary general's personal representative on Afghanistan, Diego Cordovez, is again holding talks with Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan in Geneva today. He is holding these negotiations in connection with the UN-sponsored indirect talks on Afghanistan which are aimed at finding a political solution to the crisis.

According to UN sources, it is thought that Iran's permanent representative in Geneva, (Dr Mohammad Jafar Mahallati), will arrive in Geneva from New York today so that Cordovez can contact him if he needs to do so. Later, Cordovez will meet with the Karmal administration's foreign minister, Shah Mohammad Dost.

UN sources also said that discussions on the four issues included in the agenda might not necessarily be in the same sequence as they are placed on the agenda. However, according to Pakistani sources the beginning point of the talks for Pakistan will be the problem of the return of some 3 million Afghan refugees. This issue is, however, closely connected with the withdrawal of Soviet troops.

According to the Voice of America, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan said in an interview that so far he had discussed only the modus operandi of the talks in his meetings with Cordovez. He said that Pakistan generally agreed to the modus operandi and the agenda for the talks.

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YAQUB KHAN, CORDOVEZ CONTINUE TALKS IN GENEVA

BK230555 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 23 Jun 82

[Text] Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan and the UN secretary general's personal representative on Afghanistan, Cordovez, continued their discussions on the agenda of the indirect talks on Afghanistan in Geneva yesterday.

A spokesman for the Pakistani delegation said that the preliminary exchange took place in the closed-door discussion on the lines along which a solution of the Afghanistan problem could be brought about. The spokesman said that Pakistan's position and certain concerns in this regard were clearly conveyed.

The members of the Kabul delegation had a day off yesterday. Discussion between Cordovez and the two delegations will be resumed today.

Earlier, Cordovez hosted a dinner in honor of Pakistan's foreign minister. A spokesman of the Pakistani delegation said that on that occasion they had informal discussions on the Afghanistan problem.

IRAN DENIES PARTICIPATION IN UN AFGHAN TALKS

LD212036 Tehran IRNA in English 1912 GMT 21 Jun 82

[Text] Tehran, 21 Jun (IRNA) -- The Foreign Affairs Ministry's denial concerning the alleged participation of an Iranian representative in the talks held by the United Nations on the issue of Afghanistan was released today.

The weekly, UN ACTIVITIES, printed in Geneva, in its June 14th issue, discussing the issue of Afghanistan had reported that the Iranian representative participated in the talks.

The Iranian permanent representative to the UN European bureau in Geneva, releasing the denial, stressed the previous position taken by the Islamic Republic on the issue of Afghanistan. He reiterated that talks would not be acceptable without withdrawal of the occupying Soviet forces, the return of millions of Afghan refugees to their homeland, the right of the Afghans to determine their own destiny and participation of the real representatives of the Muslim people of Afghanistan, i.e. the mujahidin (Islamic warriors), in the talks.

In the absence of these conditions, the talks would not lead anywhere, the statement said.

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BK231630 Dacca Domestic Service in Bengali 1200 GMT 23 Jun 82

[Text] Chief Martial Law Administrator [CMLA] Lt Gen H.M. Ershad, back home after attending the second special session on disarmament at the UN headquarters, has described his visit as a complete success.

Talking to newsmen at Zia International Airport on his return this morning, General Ershad said he is fully satisfied with the outcome of the trip. Through this visit, it was possible to appraise various world leaders of the current situation in Bangladesh. The visit provided him with an opportunity to prove to the world leaders that there is stability in the country, he said.

General Ershad said that more than (?70) delegates attending the session personally congratulated him for vigoriously underlining the role of Bangladesh on disarmament. In the (?disarmament) program, Bangladesh has clearly pointed out that if a meager part of the huge amount spent on the arms race were diverted to the struggle against poverty, it could ameliorate the sufferings of the [words indistinct] human beings.

During his stay in New York, he had meetings with several leaders, including President Reagan. He said that he held discussions with these leaders on matters of common interest and various internal issues.

The current situation in Lebanon and the Gulf region also came up during the discussions. He said that [words indistinct] attending the UN session highly commended Bangladesh for sending a medical team to Lebanon for the relief of Lebanese and Palestinian brothers.

The CMLA said that he had a meeting with the Soviet foreign minister in New York and he had fruitful discussions with him. He expressed the hope that his discussions with Gromyko will help further strengthen relations between the two countries.

General Ershad said that during the meeting Gromyko invited the Bangladesh foreign minister to pay a visit to the Soviet Union.

He also had fruitful discussions with British Prime Minister Thatcher in London and the British prime minister expressed happiness over the program being pursued by present Bangladesh administration.

Foreign Minister A.R. Shamsul Doha also returned home along with the CMLA.

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KABUL REPORTS CONCLUSION OF TALKS IN GENEVA

LD261618 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 26 Jun 82

[Text] The first phase of talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan ended in Geneva yesterday. The talks had begun as a result of the efforts of Diego Cordovez, representative of the UN secretary general. The DRA delegation at these talks was led by Shah Mohammad Dost, the DRA minister of foreign affairs. The Pakistani delegation was led by Sahabzada Yaqub Ali Khan, that country's minister of foreign affairs.

According to a report from Geneva, Shah Mohammad Dost discussed the results of the talks in an interview with correspondents. He stressed that the talks between the DRA and Pakistani delegations that ended in Geneva are a step toward solving the current problems. These talks in Geneva demonstrate the participants' efforts to secure the satisfactory development of the processes that had already begun.

YAQUB KHAN ENDS GENEVA TALKS, LEAVES FOR JORDAN

BK260838 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 25 Jun 82

[Text] The present round of discussions conducted through the intermediary of the personal representative of the UN secretary general, Diego Cordovez, has concluded in Geneva.

A press release issued by the office of Cordovez said that the discussions were wide-ranging and were carried out in a constructive spirit. The interlocutors reaffirmed their support for the efforts of the secretary general and their desire to achieve a political solution. The discussions focused on the four agenda items identified for consideration. They dealt with the specific substance of four items as integral components of the comprehensive settlement.

The press release further said that the personal representative of the secretary general will remain in close contact with the interlocutors with a view to obtaining such [word indistinct] information and clarifications as needed. He is expected to visit the area later this year to continue the discussions.

Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan and the representative of the ruling party in Afghanistan, Shah Mohammad Dost, were present in Geneva for the talks. Later, addressing a crowded news conference in Geneva, the secretary general's personal representative said he was satisfied with the indirect talks on Afghanistan. He said it should not have been possible for us to go further than we did.

Cordovez said it was at the same time important that the interlocutors have been talking about substantive and specific issues which were extremely difficult to resolve. The interlocutors did all the talking and addressed themselves to substantive subjects according to the undertaking they had given to him during his pre-Geneva contacts. Moreover, they responded to specific questions and came up with specific ideas and suggestions. He said when it came to clarifications among the interlocutors, they did not only mean knowing their respective positions but also making certain adjustments of positions to orient themselves to the specific objective of comprehensive settlement. He said he also kept Iran informed about the progress of talks and consulted the Soviet Union, the United States and other countries.

Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan left Geneva this afternoon for Amman on way back home after attending the UN-sponsored indirect talks on Afghanistan which lasted 9 days. He led the six-man Pakistan delegation to the talks. During his short stay in Amman, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan will hold talks on bilateral matters with Crown Prince Hasan and other Jordanian Government leaders. He is also expected to discuss the latest Middle East situation with the Jordanian leaders, especially the situation in Lebanon.

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PDPA CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLITBURO HOLDS SESSION

LD271830 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 27 Jun 82

[Text] Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee and chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, chaired a session of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo this afternoon.

At the start of the session Babrak Karmal presented a comprehensive report about the results of the official and friendly visit of a high-ranking party and government delegation to the GDR.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo approved the Babrak Karmal report and the results of the friendly and official visit to the GDR.

The session also highly evaluated the results of talks and meetings between the delegations and leaders of the DRA and the GDR, the signing of a friendship and cooperation agreement between the two countries and other documents.

The session also appreciated and highly evaluated the warm and sincere welcomes by the SED, government and the people of the GDR for the DRA delegation, and their profound and all-round support for the revolution and struggles of the PDPA, government and the Afghan people.

The PDPA Central Committee Politburo also considered a number of party and government issues and took necessary decisions on these matters.

BARIALAY ADDRESSES SOLDIERS IN PANJSHER

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Addressing the soldiers of revolution and the officers of the armed forces in the village of Bazarak, he highly appreciated the sacrifices and the heroic acts of these valorous soldiers in crushing the bandits and in restoring law and order and establishing peace and tranquillity in Panjsher District.

The representatives of the soldiers of revolution and the Armed Forces of the DRA each in turn assured Barialay of the prodigious sacrifices that they are going to make in strengthening and further consolidating their gains in the area, establishing complete peace and tranquillity and in serving the tormented people of this area.

Returns to Kabul

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Barialay and his companions returned to Kabul in the afternoon.

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